

*Remarks*

Claim 61-71, 74-80 rejected under 35 U.S.C 102(d) as being anticipated by Neal (US 6,703,104). Claim 72 and 73 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over Neal (US 6,703,104).

In response the Applicant has limited the independent claims with language explaining that said polymer matrix absent between sections of said outer layers and said at least two inner plies. Please see the figures, at least, for support for the limitation. No new matter has been entered.

A petition for any and all extensions of time is hereby made. Please charge all fees due and owing to Deposit Account 500356 in the name of *A + Legal Services – Greenberg and Lieberman*.

Respectfully,

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